

Lily  
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FADE IN

EXT. MARSHLAND - DAY

A net swirls around a pond sending ripples throughout.

JAKE, a nature loving 10 year old boy, pulls the net out and places it into an empty glass jar.

He takes a step back in his mud covered wellie boots and is surprised to see RUBY, possibly the prettiest girl he's ever known.

RUBY  
Still no eggs?

Jake directs Ruby's gaze to a mound of rocks and weeds on the edge of the pond and whispers.

JAKE  
Can you see those rocks? (a  
silent nod) It's the one with  
eyes.

Ruby moves closer to Jake, too close, closing the gap between them. Jake scrambles and almost drops the jar. He carefully puts it down, his gaze still on the frog.

JAKE (CONT)  
I guess she's waiting for the  
right moment.

RUBY  
So it's a girl frog. What are  
girl frogs called?

JAKE  
Dunno, maybe frogenas.

Ruby giggles at this.

RUBY  
Do you think frogs celebrate  
Valentine's Day? You should kiss  
frogena.

JAKE  
That's rank! And I'm not a frog.

RUBY  
My Dad said that he was a frog  
before he met Mum.

JAKE  
What did he mean? Was he a loser  
before they met?

Ruby half smiles and gives him a friendly push but her attention is now elsewhere.

RUBY

See that flower? It's a water lily. My Mum was named after it.

JAKE

I remember your Mum; she was pretty.

He turns to look at Ruby, and in that instant her sad eyes meet his, embarrassed, he quickly looks down to his feet.

Without notice, Ruby plants a kiss on Jake's cheek and runs off. He can't help but smile.

EXT. WOODS - MOMENTS LATER

Jake finds Ruby sitting on the fallen branch of an old tree. His clothes are drenched and covered in mud. In his hands, the glass jar is no longer empty.

He joins Ruby on the branch and carefully hands her the jar. Inside, with some water, is the water lily. Ruby accepts it speechless.

Without meeting his eyes, she holds his hand and they sit frozen in that moment. His face says it all, he's the luckiest boy alive.

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